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SUMMARY: FRESH TREMORS HAVE BEEN FELT IN THE PEKING-TIENSTIN AREA IN THE PAST WEEK AND MOST OF PEKING'S RESIDENTS REMAIN ENCAMPED IN THE OPEN. UNDERSCORING THE EXTENSIVE RELIEF OPERATION AND NATIONAL CONCERN FOR THE QUAKE VICTIMS HUA KUO-FENG LED A CENTRAL CONFORM DELEGATION TO THE TANGHSAN AREA. AT THE SAME TIME, THE CHINESE MEDIA ARE EMPHASIZING EFFORTS TO RESTORE KEY COMMUNICATIONS LINKS AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. OUTSIDE OF PEKING, PRC PROVINCIAL LEADERS HAVE BEGUN TO RE-EMERGE AFTER MAY WEEKS OF LOW VISIBILITY. ON THE EXTERNAL SIDE, PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA HAVE REFRAINED FROM MENTION OF THE SECRETARY'S RECENT TRAVELS IN AISA BUT CARRIED AN IMPLICITLY FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE RECENT ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING. NCNA HAD REPLAYED EXCEPRTS FROM THE DPRK'S AUGUST 5 STATEMENT BUT THUS FAR HAS GENERATED NO COMMENTARY OF ITS OWN.

#### 1. EARTHQUAKE

DESPITE EARLIER EXPECTATIONS THA THE IMMEDIATE DANGER OF A LARGE AFTERSHOCK HAD DECREASED, PRC OFFICIAL RENEWED CONFIDENTIAL

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WARNINGS IN THE MIDST OF ADDITIONAL TREMORS IN THE PEKING-TIENTSIN AREA THIS PAST WEEK (PEKING 1505, PEKING 1538). ON AUGUST 10, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOTIFIED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN IN PEKING THAT SIX TREMORS OF AT LEAST FIVE MAGNITUDE HAD OCCURED IN THE TANHGSHAN AREA IN THE PRECEDINF 24 HOURS ENDING 1600 AUGUST 9. THESE INCLUDED TWO MEASURING 6 AND 6.2 IN MAGNITUDE THAT WERE FELT IN PEKING (PEKING 1552 AND AUGUST 9,

PEKING 1552 AUGUST 10). MOST OF PEKING'S RESIDENTS REMAIN ENCAMPED IN THE OPEN WHILE THE EVACUATION ON NON-ESSENTIAL DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS HAS LARGELY BEEN COMPLETED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. THE CHINESE MEDIA HAVE HIGHLIGHTED RELIEF EFFORTS WITH SIXTEEN PROVINCES REPORTING THE DISPATCH OF MEDICAL AND RELIEF TEAMS TO THE TANGSHAN AREA. ON AUGUST 4, NCNA REVEALED THAT A CENTRAL LEVEL COMFORT DELEGATION HEADED BY PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG WAS MAKING A TOUR OF THE STRICKEN AREA. THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS CONCERNED WITH SURVEYING THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND DIRECTING RELIEF OPERATION AS WELL AS BEING SYMBOLIC OF NATIONAL CONCERN FOR THE QUAKE VICTIMS (HONG KONG 9204). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. REPORTS ON THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE TO THE TANGSHAN AREA ARE STILL INCOMPLETE; HOWEVER, FRAGMENTARY TRAVELER REPORTS ARE PAINTING A PICTURE OF WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION (PEKING 1516). ACCORDING TO STORIES THAT ARE CIRCULATING IN PEKING, ONLY ONE TALL BUILDING WAS LEFT STANDING IN TANGSHAN AFTER THE QUAKE (PEKING 1552 AUG 10). TO OFFSET SUCH SPECULATION, NCNA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT "ALL BUT A FEW " OF THE MORE THAN 10,000 MINERS WHO WERE IN THE KAILUAN COAL MINE DURING THE JULY 28 QUAKE REACHED SAFETY. MAJOR RAIL AND COMMUNICATION LINKS WITH THE REST OF CHINA HAVE BEEN AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESTORED WITH NCNA EMPHASIZING THE ROLE OF WORKERS IN STRIVING TO RESTORE PRODUCTION TO KEY INDUSTRIAL PLANTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. LEADERSHIP TURNOUTS IN THE PROVINCES

IN CONTRAST TO A LOW LEVEL OF PUBLIC VISIBILITY IN RECENT  
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WEEKS, PRC PROVINCIAL LEADERS HAVE BEGUN TO RE-EMERGE. POLITIBURO MEMBER AND CANTON MR COMMANDER HSU SHIH-YU AND KWANTUNG CCP FIRST SECRETARY WEI KUO-CHING REMAIN HIGHLY VISIBLE, MAKING APPEARANCE LAST WEEK AT TWO PLA-RELATED EVENTS. POLITIBURO ALTERNATE AND SINKIANG CCP FIRST SECRETARY SAIFUDIN MADE TWO RECENT APPEARANCES, AS DID HEILUNGKIANG CCP FIRST SECRETARY YU KUANG-TOU. PENG CHUNG, KIANGSU CCP FIRST SECRETARY WAS ON HAND TO GREAT VISITING KOTSWANA PRESIDENT KHAMA (HONG KONG 9331 HONG KONG 9405). AND LI JUI-SHAN, SHANSI CCP FIRST SECRETARY AND KIRIN CCP FIRST SECRETARY WANG HUAI-HSIANG BOTH MADE ONE APPEARANCE LAST WEEK. UNCLASSIFIED

5, THIS NOTICABLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPEARANCES, ESPECIALLY BY FIGURES SUCH AS PENG CHUNG AND LI JUI-SHAN

(BOTH OF WHOM WERE REPORTED UNDER POSTER ATTACK). COMEEVAT  
A TIME WHEN NATIONAL ATTENTION IS FOCUSED ON EARTHQUAKE  
RELIEF ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, CONTINUING REPORTS OF PROVIN-  
CIAL FACTIONALISM (PEKING 1568) AND MEDIA REFERENCES TO THE  
"SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES OF CLASS ENEMIES" SUGGEST THAT  
PROVINCIAL LEADERS MAY BE MOVING TO REASSERT THEIR  
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6. THE UNITED STATES

PRC MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE U.S. DURING THE PAST WEEK HAS BEEN A RATHER MIXED BAG. NCNA HAS PAINTED A RATHER DISMAL PICTURE OF THE U.S. ECONOMY WITH REPORTS OF DECLINING U.S. OIL PRODUCTION, GROWING UNEMPLOYMENT AND STRIKES BY RUBBER AND MINE WORKERS. IT ALSO HAS REPLAYED NORTH KOREAN DENUNCIATION OF THE U.S. HOWEVER, AS USUAL IN PRC DISCUSSIONS OF SUPERPOWER CONTENTION, THE U.S. CONTINUED TO BE CAST IN A SOMEWHAT MORE FAVORABLE LIGHT. UNCLASSIFIED

7. THE SECRETARY'S TRAVELS TO IRAN, AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN HAVE YET TO BE MENTIONED BY THE PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA, BUT HIS TRAVELS TO THESE COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN THE TOPIC OF ONE COMMENTARY IN THE PRC-OWNED WEN WEI PAO (AUGUST 10) IN HONG KONG. THE COMMENTARY MAINTAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS TO ELIMINATE SOVIET AND EXTEND U.S. INFLUENCE IN THE THREE COUNTRIES AS WELL AS STRENGTHEN THE U.S. POSITION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA. IT NOTED REPORTS THAT THE U.S. WILL SELL IRAN ARMS IN EXCHANGE FOR OIL BENEFITS. THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT THE SECRETARY'S EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT AFGHANISTAN'S INDEPENDENCE AND MENTION OF THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN "ASSISTANCE" IN TALKS WITH PRESIDENT DAUD. HOWEVER, THE COMMENTARY MADE NO MENTION OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN AND TALKS WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTO. THE COMMENTARY CONCLUDED BY CITING PRAVDA'S CRITICISM OF THE KISSINGER TRIP, INDICATING THAT THIS IS MERELY A CASE OF THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK AND INDIRECTLY SUGGESTING THAT THE RESULTS WERE NOT UNFAVORABLE FOR THE U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

8. IN A LIKE MANNER, PRC MEDIA CARRIED REPORTS AND

COMMENTARIES ON THE RECENT ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING. A  
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COMMENTARY IN THE HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO (AUGUST 5) ON THE CANBERRA MEETING NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL, ALTHOUGH ORGANIZED IN 1951 TO MEET AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST ANY OF THE THREE TREATY COUNTRIES, IS NOW INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH COUNTERING THE EXPANSION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND SOUTH PACIFIC. IT ALSO CITED SOVIET OVERTURES TO THE PACIFIC ISLAND STATES AND THE COUNCIL'S DECISION TO RENDER AID TO THESE AREAS. THE NCNA REPORT NOTED DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE CHARLES ROBINSON'S PRESENCE AT THE MEETING AND CITED HIS COMMENTS THAT THE RUSSIAN EFFORTS IN THE PACIFIC ARE A "SERIOUS THREAT."  
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9. A BRIEF NCNA REPORT FROM SHANGHAI IS UNUSUAL IN THAT IT IMPLICITLY TREATS IN A FAVORABLE MANNER THE U.S. MILITARY ROLE IN CHINA DURING WWII. THE NEWS ITEM REPORTS THE VISIT OF A DELEGATION OF U.S.-CHINA VETERANS OF WWII AND THEIR FAMILIES TO CHINA. HEADED BY A HOWARD S. HYMAN, THE GROUP REPORTEDLY VISITED SIAM, CHUNGKING, KWEILIN AND KWANGCHOW (NCNA AUGUST 4-10). UNCLASSIFIED

#### 10. THE SOVIETS

SOVIET MILITARY THREATS, PARTICULARLY TO EUROPE AND JAPAN, WERE WIDELY DETAILED IN THE PRC MEDIA LAST WEEK. NCNA REPLAYED SIX ARTICLES FROM THE JAPANESE PRESS CITING RECENT SOVIET MILITARY MANEUVERS AGAINST THAT COUNTRY, INCLUDING A REPORT OF THE SOVIETS' ILLEGAL DETENTION OF A JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL. CONTINUING ITS OBSERVATIONS ON THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF EUROPE'S SECURITY CONFERENCE (CSCE) (WR 31), NCNA NOTED THAT THE CSCE WAS NOT ONLY A TRAP SET BY THE SOVIETS, BUT THE PRODUCT OF A U.S.-EUROPEAN "MUNICH TREND." TO UNDERSCORE THE RESULTS OF APPEASEMENT, A PEOPLE'S DAILY CORRESPONDENT RECOUNTED A VISIT TO MUNICH AND TO DACHAU. OTHER MEDIA REPORTS DWELT ON THE CURRENT SOVIET MILITARY EXPANSION IN NORTHERN EUROPE AND THE NAVAL BUILD-UP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. NCNA DESCRIBED THIS STRATEGY AS ONE OF TWO FLANKS, THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH, FROM WHICH THE SOVIET UNION IS TRYING TO ENCIRCLE WESTERN EUROPE, CUT OFF ITS OIL LIKE-LINE AND SEVER ITS SEA COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE U.S. MEANWHILE, HONG KONG'S TWO MAJOR COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS  
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COMMENTED ON GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEMS IN THE AEGEAN IN TERMS OF A WEAKENING OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SOVIETS TO INCREASE THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. UNCLASSIFIED

11. ON INTERNAL SOVIET MATTERS, NCNA CALLED "BREZHNEV AND COMPANY" THE MOST "REACTIONARY AND RUTHLESS EXPLOITING CLASS IN THE WORLD TODAY," AND A GROUP OF "BLOODSUCKERS AND PARASITES." THE SOVIET ARMS EXPANSION, IT WAS CLAIMED, HAS RESULTED IN AGRICULTURE BEING IN A COMPLETE MESS AND THE SOVIET UNION BECOMING ONE OF THE BIGGEST DEBTOR STATES IN THE WORLD. ELABORATING ON THIS THESE, NANA ALSO CITED MOSCOW REPORTS OF AN "AWFUL" SHORTAGE OF BREAD AND OTHER FOOD SUPPLIES IN MANY PLACES OF THE SOVIET UNION (NCNA AUGUST 4-10, RADIO PEKING AUGUST 2, TA KUNG PAO AUGUST 10, WEN WEI PAO AUGUST 11). UNCLASSIFIED

12. THE THRID WORLD AND ASIA

IN LINE WITH CHINA'S SELF-PROCLAIMED MEMBERSHIP IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE THIRD WORLD, PRC MEDIA HAVE CARRIED STATEMENTS OF VARIOUS ASIAN AND AFRICAN LEADERS ON THE PURPOSE OF THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) AND NCNA HAS ISSUED ITS OWN LENGTHY COMMENTARY ASSAILING MOSCOW'S RELATIONS WITH AND ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE THE NAM. UNCLASSIFIED

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13. PRIOR TO DEPARTING FROM THE NAM, CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IENG SARY STOPPED OVER IN PEKING FOR TALKS WITH CHINESE PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG. THE NEW CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE PRC, PICH CHEANG SAT IN ON THE AUGUST 6 DISCUSSIONS AND THE FOLLOWING DAY PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO NPC VICE CHAIRMAN HSU HSIANG-CHIEN. UNCLASSIFIED

14. ANOTHER NAM PARTICIPANT, DPRK VICE PREMIER AND FONMIN HO TAM, STOPPED OFF FOR TALKS IN VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS, BUT HE APPARENTLY OVERFLEW THE PRC. PRC MEDIA CARRIED BRIEF REPORTS OF HIS VISITS TO THESE INDOCHINA COUNTRIES AND, CONSISTENT WITH PRC PARACTICE, HAS REPLAYED EXCERPTS FROM THE RECENT DPRK STATEMENTS ON THE KOREAN SITUATION. NCNA HAS CARRIED EXCERPT OF THE DPRK'S AUGUST 5 STATEMENT CHARGING U.S.-ROK WITH WAR PREPARATIONS, BUT THE DPRK MEMORANDUM DETAILING CHARGES AGAINST THE U.S. WAS NOT CARRIED. IN CONCTRAST WITH CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM, CHINA



HAS ISSUED NO STATEMENT OF ITS OWN IN SUPPORT OF PYONGYANG'S LATEST CHARGES. INTERESTINGLY, NCNA'S REPLAY OF EXCERPTS FROM THE DPRK STATEMENT OMITTED THE ATTACK OF U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS.

15. ALTHOUGH CHINA REFRAINED FROM PLAYING UP RECENT VIETNAMESE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, NCNA BRIEFLY REPORTED THE THAI FONMIN'S VISIT TO HANOI. IT TERSELY NOTED THAT LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

16. CONSISTENT WITH PEKING'S DUAL POLICIES VIS-A-VIS SOUTHEAST ASIA, NCNA MARKED THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF ARMED STRUGGLE IN THAILAND BY REPLAYING EXCERPTS FROM THE "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND" ON THE SUCCESSES OF THE INSURGENT THAI PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES. SOMEWHAT BELATEDLY, IT ALSO CARRIED A JULY 25 STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE INDONESIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL  
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COMMITTEE DENOUNCING INDONESIAN AUTHORITIES' ANNEXATION OF EAST TIMOR AND SIGNED BY LONG-TIME PEKING RESIDENT, JUSUF ADJITOROP (NCNA AUGUST 4-10). UNCLASSIFIED

17 AFRICA

BOTSWANA PRESIDENT SERETSE KHAMA WOULD UP HIS TWO-WEEK VISIT TO CHINA AUGUST 9 AND DEPARTED PEKING FOR NORTH KOREA. THE PREVIOUS DAY, THE PRESIDENT MET WITH CHINESE PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND, ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, THEY SIGNED AN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT. VICE FONMIN HO YING, A MEMBER OF THE CHINESE DELEGATION PRESENT AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TAN-ZAM RAILROAD (WR 28), ENDED HIS STAY IN AFRICA AND TALKS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS WHEN HE DEPARTED ZAIRE ON

AUGUST 5. MEANWHILE, NCNA CONTINUED TO REPLAY REPORTS ON THE SOWETO RIOTS, ARMED STRUGGLE IN RHODESIA, AND A COMMENTARY BY TOGOLESE PRESIDENT KYADEMA THAT, IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, "VICTORY COMES OUT OF THE BARREL OF A GUN" AND THAT "A LONG MARCH HAS BEGUN." (NCNA AUGUST 5-10) UNCLASSIFIED.  
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